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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr SEAL and Mr LOMAS

pursuant to Rule 25 of
the Rules of Procedure

on the boycott of the Olympic Games

The European Parliament,

- noting the recent calls by the United States and United Kingdom Governments for a boycott of the 1980 Olympic Games which are due to be held in Moscow,
 - believing that the best way to avoid war is to keep lines of communication open and seeing sport as an important way of doing this,
 - noting that until now (with the important exception of racism in the organization of sport itself) western governments have steadfastly refused to suspend sporting contacts with countries with which they disagree politically,
1. Rejects the suggested boycott of the Olympic games;
 2. Calls on all parties concerned to react in a careful considered way to the complex geopolitical situation which has resulted from the Soviet Union's intervention in Afghanistan and to avoid panaceas such as 'sanctions' and 'boycotts' which will only serve to exarcerbate an already serious situation;
 3. Instructs its President to communicate this resolution to the Conference of Foreign Ministers.